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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to the first Official Action and calculation of the filing fee, please replace page 3 of the specification as filed with page 3 as filed in the Article 34 amendment of 8 August 2000.

Please also substitute Claims 1-12 as originally filed, which appear on pages 10-13, with Claims 1-11 also filed in the Article 34 amendment of 8 August 2000. The replacement specification page and the pages containing Claims 1-11 are marked "MODIFIED SHEET" and are attached hereto. Following the insertion of Claims 1-11, please amend these claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 5, line 1, change "one of claims 2 to 4," to
--claim 2,--.

Claim 6, lines 1 and 2, change "one of the preceding claims," to --claim 1,--.